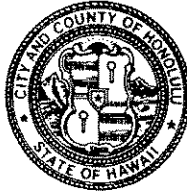


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The Honorable Todd K. Apo, Chair
and Members of the Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Committee Members:

We are not opposed to Bill 16 (2007) which provides a one-time real property tax credit for homeowners with a homeowner's exemption. This is similar to the tax credit that was given to homeowners with home exemptions for tax year 2006-2007.

For the fiscal year 2008, there are 139,637 homeowner exemptions. If the tax credit is set at \$200, the total tax credit for the county will amount to approximately \$28,000,000.

Please call me at 523-4617 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mary Patricia Waterhouse, Director
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

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cc: Real Property Assessment Division

APPROVED:

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Wayne M. Hashiro, P.E.
Managing Director